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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Reconnaissance Satellite Survivability Study

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REFERENCES : a. Letter from D/NRO to DCI dated 18 Oct 67,
Subject as above, ██████████-52762-67

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b. Letter from DCI to D/NRO dated 25 Oct 67,
Subject as above, ██████████-0167-67

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c. Letter from D/NRO to DCI dated 7 Nov 67,
Subject as above, ██████████-52823-62

d. PILOT

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your
action in paragraph 7.

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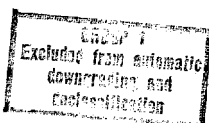
2. Attached are six copies of the terms of reference as
finally agreed to. They have been informally reviewed by D/OSI
and ██████████ ONE Estimative Staff.

3. After six weeks of argument with SAFSP, we have ended
up with substantially the same terms of reference we initially proposed
on 13 December 1967. The passage of time, however, has required
the slippage of deadlines from 1 February and 15 April to 20 March
and 15 May.

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4. ██████████ has advised us that while he cannot present
██████████ final views, he feels the terms of reference and 15 May
deadline are agreeable to the BNE. D/OSI has made three observations:



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a. We should confirm the BNE's original desire to complete its SNIE by 1 June 1968; it is possible this date can be slipped.

b. It is possible other member agencies of USIB may not fully agree with OSI's study (Action 7f.)

c. OSP may wish to have the results of the OSI study in hand prior to completing the OSP/NRO Action 7e.

5. On the first point, I see no problem should the BNE wish to slip the 1 June deadline for USIB approval of the SNIE. I do not believe the deadline can be advanced, however, and still provide time for the Actions 7b. through 7f. to be available for background in the BNE deliberations. On the second point, I have always assumed the OSI or CIA paper on Soviet and Third Country Technological Capabilities would constitute an input to the SNIE and like the other inputs would be coordinated on an inter-agency basis by the BNE staff, as is the case with most Estimates.

6. On the third point, which is well taken, it would not be necessary to slip the Action 7e. deadline beyond 20 March insofar as the current threat vs. current countermeasures is concerned. With regard to any range of postulated threats vs. present or possible future countermeasures, however, it would be necessary to slip the deadline for this Action until 1 April, assuming OSI, OSP and SAFSP can get some headstart on OSI's study before it is completed on 20 March. The NRO, of course, will have to wait until completion of Actions 7a. and b. before it can do its final war gaming.

7. I recommend, therefore, you:

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a. Confirm with [REDACTED] the BNE work schedule and its need to complete the SNIE by 1 June 1968.

b. If the BNE 1 June deadline can be slipped a few weeks, then adjust the deadlines in the terms of reference which go forward to the DCI for approval and transmittal to the D/NRO.

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c. If the BNE 1 June deadline cannot be slipped, then you recommend to the DCI that his letter to D/NRO state the DCI Executive Agent may have several weeks flexibility in assigning deadlines for completion of Action 7b. through 7f.

d. Seek the views of the Chairman of the SIGINT Committee on the SIGINT part of Action 7b.

e. Advise the Chairman of the COMIREX of this effort; I believe the photographic part of the effort is relatively straight forward.

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Director of Special Projects

Attachments: a/s

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